Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 15 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 16 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 14 Mar 2023 at 14:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for next couple of days, low for all details from Friday.

Headline for Wednesday 15 Mar 2023: Mostly dry in north and east, a few snow showers towards west coast. Cloudy and occasional snow then developing more widely during the evening, with strengthening in evening leading to possible blizzard conditions on upper slopes.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 15 Mar 2023

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Dull	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	20%	10%	10%	10%	20%	60%

Forecast for Wednesday 15 Mar 2023

Weather: Clear intervals overnight then sunny intervals on Wednesday, mainly dry, but a few snow showers over Skye and the west coast. Cloud then gradually increasing in the evening, with occasional mainly light snow gradually developing more widely, becoming more persistent over Skye and Lochalsh later in the evening, with the chance of blizzard conditions developing on the Plateau as winds pick up.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% through most of daylight hours, but 70% over Skye, falling 60% by dusk and then falling steadily to 20% during the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Most of the day seeing little low cloud and good visibility but some patchy cloud at 750m near west coast showers. Then cloud gradually lowering into the evening to 600-750m with snow bringing locally poor visibility below this too.

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Forecast for Wednesday 15 Mar 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	12/16 W	15/20 SW	13/17 S	14/17 S	15/19 S	17/22 SE	19/25 SE	23/33 E	21/32 E
900	12/16 W	14/18 SW	12/16 S	13/16 S	14/19 S	15/20 SE	18/25 SE	24/34 E	23/33 E
600	8/12 W	8/12 SW	9/12 S	10/14 S	10/15 S	11/17 SE	11/18 SE	17/28 E	19/30 E
300	2/11 W	1/12 SW	1/9 S	1/8 S	3/12 S	3/13 SE	5/16 SE	10/24 E	11/25 E
Glen	4/7 W	2/4 W	4/7 SE	6/10 SE	5/10 SE	7/14 SE	8/16 E	14/24 E	16/27 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-7/-14	-6/-14	-6/-12	-5/-11	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-12	-5/-13	-4/-12
900	-6/-13	-6/-12	-5/-11	-4/-10	-3/-9	-3/-9	-4/-11	-4/-12	-4/-11
600	-4/-9	-4/-8	-3/-8	-2/-7	-1/-6	-0/-5	-1/-6	-2/-8	-1/-8
300	-2/-4	-2/-4	-3/-5	0/-2	2/0	2/1	1/-2	0/-4	0/-5
Glen	0/-2	0/-2	1/-1	2/-0	4/2	5/2	3/0	3/-2	3/-2
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	100m	200m	300m	300m	300m	300m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the very low feels like temperatures.

Forecast for Thursday 16 Mar 2023
Weather: Snow in early hours turning to rain at all levels in the morning.

Maximum wind: Southeast 25 gusts 35mph becoming south or southwesterly in afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10%.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud 600-900m, occasionally lower near west coast. Poor visibility at times below the cloud in rain or showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero overnight slowly picking up to Plus 3 by morning, then edging up to 7 Celsius in the afternoon.
At 800m: Minus 2 at first in early hours but lifting to Plus 2 before morning and Plus 5 during the day.
Freezing level: 300m at first in early hours but above all summits by morning.

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